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SUBJECT: JCIC-XXXIII: RUSSIAN PRESS STATEMENT ON START
ARTICLE XVII DISCUSSIONS, NOVEMBER 21, 2008

¶1. This is JCIC-XXXIII-031.

¶2. The text at Paragraph 3 below is the official translation of a coordinated press statement on discussions that took place in the Joint Compliance and Inspection Commission as required by Article XVII of the Treaty on whether to extend the START Treaty. The U.S. JCIC Representative issued the U.S. press statement (Geneva 1001). The official translation of the statement at Paragraph 3 is a coordinated statement among the Representatives of the Republic of Belarus, the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Russian Federation and Ukraine and is identical with the U.S. press statement.

¶3. Begin text:

Official Translation
November 21, 2008

Statement by the Representative of the Russian Federation
to the Joint Compliance and Inspection Commission
for the Treaty on the Reduction
and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms

On November 17, 2008, Representatives of the Republic of Belarus, the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Russian Federation, Ukraine, and the United States of America met in Geneva, Switzerland, to consider whether the Treaty Between the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America on the Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms (START) will be extended, as provided for in paragraph 2 of Article XVII of the Treaty.

Therefore, the requirement of the Treaty to meet on this issue before December 5, 2008, is fulfilled. In this connection, the Parties desire to emphasize that there is no Treaty requirement to make a decision to extend the Treaty at this meeting.

The Republic of Belarus, the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Russian Federation, Ukraine, and the United States of

America will continue to discuss the issue, noting that a decision on this issue can be made up until expiration of the Treaty on December 5, 2009.

End text.

¶4. Taylor sends.
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End Cable Text